

## Fernaig Community Trust

### Minutes of Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019, Achmore Hall

**Present:** Colin McAndrew, Lizzie Bird, Martin Irving, Georgie Grimson and Roddy MacPherson

**Apologies** None

<p><b>1. Minutes of 8 Jan 2019 meeting</b></p> <p>Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> Jan meeting – proposed by Martin and seconded by Georgie, unanimously approved.</p> <p>Lizzie had circulated Draft minutes of the Dec AGM - a date correction under 'Adoption of Minutes was needed' from 2015 to 2017.</p>							
<p><b>2. Finance Update: Jan 2019</b></p> <table><tr><td>Income</td><td>£ 365.00</td></tr><tr><td>Expenditure</td><td>£ 98.51</td></tr><tr><td>Balance</td><td>£2,401.76</td></tr></table> <p>All allotment rents now paid</p> <p>Georgie reported that she is preparing the accounts for auditing by the end of the month.</p> <p>Regarding the electricity bill received from Scottish Hydro which was with the incorrect name, they had contacted Georgie and admitted they had made an error. With agreed tariff a new account has been set up.</p> <p>Georgie had contacted Lochaber Voluntary Action Community Accounts Service re our audited accounts but Colin received an email two weeks later saying that they no longer carried out audits. Georgie had contacted two other auditors, one of which was very over-priced but the second auditor will call back.</p> <p>Because of the above and Georgie contacting OSCR re fully accrued accounts there is another option open to the Trust which is SCIO. The Trust will consider but in the meantime the search for an auditor for the 2017/18 accounts will continue</p> <p>- Georgie whilst looking at possible future funding to support the Trust activities had looked at grants from the Co-op but they are not available at the moment. Their next round of their considering funding will be in the Spring</p>	Income	£ 365.00	Expenditure	£ 98.51	Balance	£2,401.76	<p><b>Georgie</b></p>
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<p><b>3. Leases and Rent Review</b></p> <p>Colin had sent a letter, with the Trust's agreed rise from £20 per hectare annually to £27, to all holdings tenants as the leases expire in March this year. The Trust will offer 5 year leases and request a response from existing tenants whether they wish to accept or not the new lease.</p> <p>One tenant does not wish to renew the 5 year lease so it was agreed, in order for them to tidy and clear the land, to offer a 1 year grazing lease.</p> <p>Colin will prepare and circulate leases</p>	<p><b>Colin</b></p>
<p><b>4. Office.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A reported water leak was because of a wall heater connection. Neil and Duncan MacVicar resolved the problem.</li> <li>• With the need to change the toilet bowl and update the plumbing Neil asked Duncan for a quote for the work.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Neil</b></p>
<p><b>5. Objectives/Work Plan for 2019</b></p> <p><b>To add to Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare to change our company status regarding SCIO (as mentioned above re Finances)</li> <li>• Monitor river and burns for fallen trees</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. AOB.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kyle &amp; Lochalsh Development Trust had been in contact with Colin. Neil was going to attend a meeting. However, from correspondence the contact was more related to local Community Councils than the FCT.</li> <li>• Georgie asked for clarification about boundaries by/next to rivers. Colin confirmed that the boundary for the land owner is the length of the property in the middle of the water course.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	

**Dates of next meeting:**

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm**

Colin thanked all for attending the meeting which closed at 8.36pm